

COA Meeting 10/19/21

Called to order: 13:03

Attendance: Tony, Judie, Jim, Deb, Carol, Jinx, Howard, Frank, Colleen, Linda, and a guest

Minutes: After a brief discussion Judie moved to accept the minutes as recorded, and Carol seconded. Minutes accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Deficit of over \$1000 in the exercise fund. Colleen explained that there were actually two areas where we needed to pay back the town a combined total of nearly \$3000. One of these was paid off with money from formula grants; the other was paid out of the exercise account. The bottom line is that we are now square with the town and still in good shape financially. Judie moved to accept, Betty seconded. Treasurer's report accepted unanimously.

Chair's Report:

Stove update: Maintenance checks showed that there was no CO leak, no problem with hood, and that the stove needs a good cleaning. There may be an electrical problem. That will be looked into if problem persists after cleaning. We have \$1338 available to pay an electrician. Frank made a motion that we will provide the additional money needed to purchase a stove decided upon by Colleen and Linda provided that (1) we actually need a new stove and (2) the warrant submitted by Andrea for additional funds from the town is not approved by the town. The motion was opened for discussion. Some on the council still feel that we need to look into the electric induction/convention option even though the town has insisted that we stay with a gas range. Others felt that we need to remember that we are under the constraints of what the town will allow. Those in favor of an electric stove suggested that perhaps we could attempt to change the town's mind. The question was raised about using some of the grant money to make up the difference in cost, but Linda explained that the grant money we have is earmarked for COVID related expenses and cannot be used for the stove.

After a lengthy discussion the motion was put to a vote. The motion passed 6 - 3.

Frank mentioned that we will discuss the possible amendments to the bylaws. Deb has not yet received them, so discussion is postponed until a later date. Betty will send the proposed amendments to Deb.

Director's Report:

Plans for Open House are moving along. We will have tables promoting HBB, Libby's Yoga, and Patter's clinics. Four Star brewery will set up a beer demo. There will be appetizers, coffee, tea, hot cocoa at the coffee bar. There will be discussion of possible new programs such as beginning bridge, knitting, movie matinees, board game time.

Deb would like to see a support group for those who are in charge of care of elderly parents or spouses. Colleen thinks that LifePath could train facilitators for such a group.

There was a little discussion about similar workshops that could be offered.

There are books for the taking/borrowing by the TV.

Flu shots will be offered at PVRs on October 30.

Frank talked about Linda Horta and then we talked of others who have passed away. Colleen will mention these in the newsletter.

Technology Committee:

Carol reports that there is nothing new on the iPads.

Carol pointed out that we need someone to replace Carol as our representative on the CPC as her COA term is up this December. Carol spoke about the make-up and functioning of the

CDC and the amount of time it requires. She spoke highly about the CDC. Deb is considering and will go to its next meeting. Jinx asked if we had to return the money to CDC for the shed. Carol assured that we still have time to use it. There is a two-year window. If we don't use it, it will be returned to CDC. They will not consider this as a black mark against us.

Legislative News: Nothing of note from the legislature.

Carol mentioned that with the town considering a new safety complex, that will free up space in the basement of the town hall that could be used by the Senior Center. There is a meeting tomorrow night to discuss the new complex.

Newsletter: It was agreed to include a new feature highlighting individual members of the COA. Frank will write up a brief bio for November. Carol will write up something about the cemetery walk.

Jim moved to adjourn. Judie enthusiastically seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 14:13

Respectfully submitted,
Jim and Betty Whitcomb